



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
USAF SCHOOL OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE (AFMC)  
BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

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**MEMORANDUM FOR OPERATIONAL ENTOMOLOGY COURSE STUDENTS**

**FROM:** USAFSAM/ATR, 2602 Louis Bauer Drive, Bldg. 775, Brooks City-Base TX 78235-5252

**SUBJECT:** Information for Students Attending the Operational Entomology Course

1. Congratulations on your selection to participate in Operational Entomology Course (OEC) Class 031020, at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks City-Base, TX. OEC is an intense, but very rewarding course -- come prepared to work hard from 0730 of Day One through graduation on Day 10 (FRI of week 2). The course is evaluated at 4 CCAF semester hours of credit. We believe the knowledge gained is well worth the effort the course demands of you.
2. **Transportation:** You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements. Government transportation at Brooks AFB is severely limited due to budget constraints. No on-base or airport shuttle service is available -- only contract quarters shuttle service is provided. We strongly encourage you to arrange for your unit to fund a rental vehicle, or to bring your POV if you are stationed within driving distance of San Antonio. Due to the long hours required to complete some of the work during OEC, and the distances between off-base lodging and the base, a rental vehicle is strongly advised. Please note: USAFSAM cannot reimburse you for a rental vehicle -- you will need to use your organizational funds for this.
3. **Reporting In:** Class convenes promptly at 0730 on Monday, 20 October 2003 in Building 775 (new USAFSAM building, Lyster Hall, located on Louis Bauer Drive, west of 13th street on Brooks AFB, in southeast San Antonio). Please check the overhead monitors for classroom assignment.
4. **Registration Requirements:** You must bring 4 copies of your TDY orders and any amendments, and 1 copy of your itinerary if you are traveling on a military transportation request, to register for the class on the morning of the first day.
5. **Lodging:** On-base or contract quarters reservations are made for all students. If you do not reside in the San Antonio area, you must contact the Brooks Inn Building 214, DSN 240-1844, commercial (210) 536-1844 for your quarters assignments. At the present time, we expect off base billeting. Please report directly to your lodging quarters whether on- or off-base. If you are arriving after 1800 hrs, you must contact the lodging facility to hold your room.  
  
- We will spend 2.5 days in the field. You will be required to purchase 2 MREs for lunch to take to the field during this time. Money for the MREs will be collected during the first week of the class. The cost of an MRE is \$3.25.
6. **Clothing Requirements:** For military members, dress for classroom and field instruction is the battle dress uniform (BDU) -- a dress ("blues") uniform is not required for OEC. Civilian students should bring cloths appropriate for two days of field work in addition to clothing suitable for the classroom. The weather in San Antonio during October is mild (average high of 80°F). Rain, sometimes in intense bursts, is possible, so rain gear is also useful. Be sure to bring adequate clothing -- you will get dirty, and wet if it

rains, during the field exercises. Brooks City-Base is a technical training center, so Air Force professional standards for uniforms and appearance are strictly enforced.

7. **Computer Support:** Personal computers loaded with Windows, Microsoft Word, and Power Point will be available for your use in a laboratory setting. If you have access to a laptop computer and modem, we **STRONGLY** encourage you to bring it. Be sure to have your software and hardware screened for viruses and/or compatibility before using them on the school system.

8. We hope your stay at Brooks will be rewarding and pleasant. If you have any questions or concerns about the course, please contact Capt Pomerinke at DSN 240-3734. We look forward to your safe arrival, and participation in OEC Class 030602.

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